## **Voice Of Disrepair**

## **Only Living Witness**

Not exactly taciturn, he shared his bottle openly Battered, banished, ill-remembered Terrified of something seen We grew to reek of martyrdom And (our) mutual misanthropy Certain pleasures taken from him Never meant to want to be

Emptier known as a number

Lack of luck would not explain
His traveling for safety's sanction
"Standing on his head an always
Landing on his feet"
Casting blame and laughing
In facetious conversation
Certain pleasures in return he
Never meant to want to be

Emptier known an a number

They found him cold this morning They found him cold at dawn